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REMARKS

1. On 7 January 1952, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Zerbsterstrasse Burg (H 53/Y 31), was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. About 300 troops were seen receiving close-order drill, with and without rifles, at squad level and close-combat training in the barracks yard. Another 600 troops received infantry field training and practice with 4 x 100-mm AT guns and 4 x 76.2-mm field guns in the training area adjoining the barracks installation to the south. A fenced radio station with five masts was situated opposite the barracks installation on the west side of Zerbster Chaussee. A sentry there wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. An installation which, according to a road repairman was an ammunition dump, was located about 1 km south of the Neue Infanterie Kaserne and 200 meters east of Zerbster Chaussee in a wooded area measuring 150 meters square and surrounded by a wooden fence, 2 meters high.

2. On 7 January, the alte Infanterie Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 400 troops, also wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, were seen receiving infantry field training on the drill field 1 km southwest of the installation. Numerous trucks and tanks, including 6 which were definitely identified as JS-3s, were sheltered in open sheds in the billeting area.

3. On 11 January, the alte Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 300 troops and about 150 officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The barracks buildings were almost exclusively lighted during the evening hours. The troops seen in the billeting area were engaged in: close-order drill at squad level, training in firing, physical exercises and driver training. Three SP guns stood in the barracks yard.

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4. On 12 January, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 1,200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 75 percent of the quarters were lighted in the evening hours. Troops seen in the billeting area were engaged in drill at squad level and driver training. About 40 soldiers were seen marching from the installation toward the town.

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5. all German auxiliary personnel in the Alte Infanterie Kaserne would be discharged in early 1952 and that the German female personnel would be replaced by Soviet women wearing uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets. Only two male Germans, known as doctrinaire communists, were to be retained. *

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Comment. The observation of 100-mm AT guns supports the previous assumption that the units in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne include the heavy AT artillery regiment of the 44th (?) Army AT Brig. The radio station and the ammunition dump mentioned in the present report are known from previous information.

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